

**AIDS MEDI-CAL WAIVER PROGRAM  
NURSING FACILITY LEVEL OF CARE (NFLOC)  
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To qualify for Nursing Facility care services, the complexity of the client's medical problems is such that he or she needs an out-of-home protective living arrangement with 24-hour supervision and skilled nursing care or observation on an ongoing intermittent basis to abate health deterioration. Nursing Facility care services emphasize care aimed at preventing or delaying acute episodes of physical or mental illness and encouragement of individual client independence to the extent of his or her ability. Use the following description as a guide for determining appropriate placement:

1. Medications may be mainly supportive or stabilizing but still require professional nurse observation for response and effect on an intermittent basis.
2. Diet may be of a special type; clients may need assistance in feeding him/herself.
3. The client may require assistance or supervision in personal care, such as in bathing or dressing.
4. The client may need encouragement in restorative measures for increasing and strengthening his or her functional capacity to work toward greater independence.
5. The client may have some degree of vision, hearing or sensory loss.
6. The client may have limitation in movement.
7. The client may be incontinent of urine and/or bowels.
8. The client may exhibit some mild confusion or depression; however, his or her behavior must be stabilized to such an extent that it poses no threat to him/herself or others.